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For: **NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING PRO1159 POLYPEPTIDES**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MS: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 16, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for the response and hence no fees are believed to be due. Attached herewith is a Declaration by Sherman Fong, Ph.D. with five exhibits: (1) Current Protocols in Immunology, Vol. I, Unit 3.12 by Richard Coico, (2) an article by Ralph Steinman, (3) an article by Gubler et al., (4) an article by Peterson et al., and (5) an article by Thurner et al. Also attached are articles by (i) Schnabel *et al.*, (ii) Zhang *et al.* and an Information Disclosure Statement accompanies these references with necessary fees.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.